

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

8:15 am Low Mass

10:30 am Sung Mass with Rogation Procession

Saint Martin's Episcopal Church

Bridgewater, NJ

Please stand as the Altar party enters

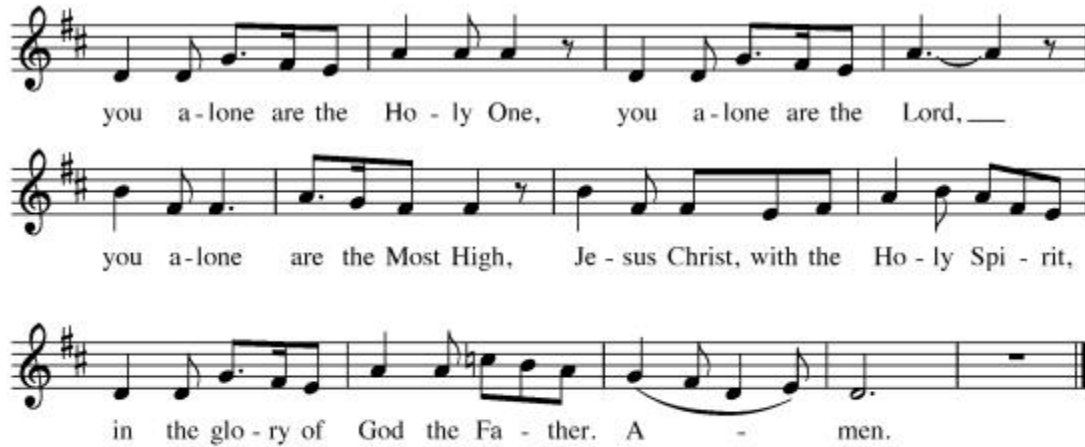
Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 477

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en. *People* The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gloria

Crisafulli

In 2 *f*
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
poco rit.
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
a tempo *mp* *poco cresc.*
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the world; have
mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right
ff
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our — prayer. For



you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, —
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles *Please be seated*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.
 The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 98:1-6 *The Cantor sings the antiphon, and the people repeat it:*

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
 With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. **(Ant)**
 The LORD has made known his victory;
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **(Ant)**
 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
 Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. **(Ant)**

The Epistle: A Reading from the First Epistle of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

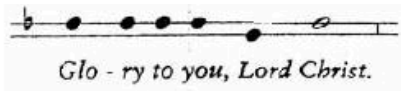
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand) The Cantor sings the Alleluia and the people repeat it*



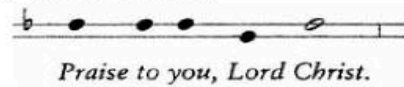
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia ...

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our + Lord Jesus Christ according to John



Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.” The Gospel of the Lord.



The Homily *(Please be seated)*

Father Robert Laws

The Nicene Creed

BCP, 358

The Prayers of the People *Remain standing, or kneel*

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon the rich earth, that it may be fruitful and its resources hallowed. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon human labor, O God. Prosper the work of our hands; may all find dignity and reward in their work; free the exploited and oppressed, and create a just society among us. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon the produce of the earth, O God. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to share the fruits of the world with the poor and hungry. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon aid agencies, O God: where war brings want, and children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and for justice, give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to you alone. May they grow from glory to glory in your eternal kingdom. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Priest: O God our Creator and Sustainer: Accept our prayers and petitions, through Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit. **Amen.**

Peace and Announcements

Offertory Choir Anthem *God Loves You* *Kathy Shanklin*

God loves you: whatever color, whatever gender, whatever religion.

God loves you: whatever size, whatever name, whatever beliefs.

God sees you; you are Her treasure. God holds you in Her arms.

God knows you, your strengths and weaknesses,

Upir truths and deceits, your joys and sorrows, your dreams.

God loves you. You are loved.

Offertory Hymn *Please stand*

Here In Christ We Gather

Blue Hymnal, 576

The Liturgy of the Altar

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues in the Book of Common Prayer, page 371.
The Congregation prays the words in italics.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

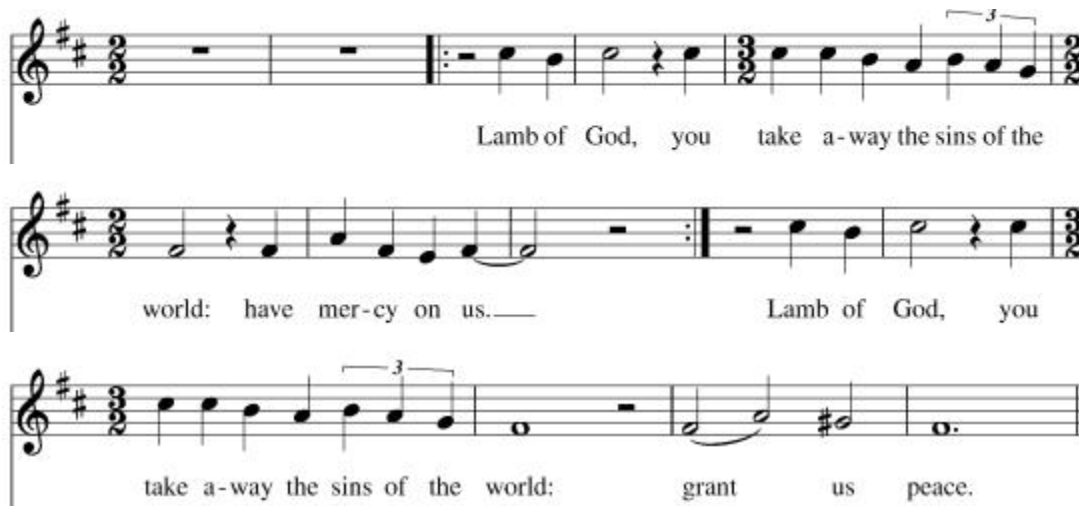
*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.*

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Fraction



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: have mer-cy on us.— Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Holy Communion Communion Hymns

The Tree of Life My Soul Hath Seen

Wonder, Love and Praise, 749

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, La - den with fruit, and
 2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: By faith I know, but
 3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, And pleas - ure dear - ly
 4. I'm wear - y with my for - mer toil, Here I will sit and
 5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dy - ing

al - ways green: The trees of na - ture fruit - less be Com - pared with
 ne'er can tell the glo - ry which I now can see In Je - sus
 I have bought: I missed of all: but now I see 'Tis found in
 rest a while: Un - der the sha - dow I will be Of Je - sus
 faith a - live; Which makes my soul in hast to be With Je - sus

Christ the ap - ple tree.

Ubi Caritas

Wonder, Love and Praise, 831

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

Post Communion Prayer *(Please kneel or stand)*

BCP, 365

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. *Thanks be to God*

Closing Hymn *Come, We that Love the Lord vv.1, 3*

Hymnal 1982, 392

Rogation Procession

The People are invited to follow the Cross and the Altar Party in procession throughout the church grounds, as we pray for God's blessing.

Station at the Font

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the Lord will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them (Isa. 41:17)

Let us pray: God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water—the waters on the earth, and under the earth, the water above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's water, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us; through Jesus Christ, source of living water. **Amen.**

The procession continues to the Memorial Garden

Station at the Bell Tower

Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. (Gen. 1:11)

Let us pray: O God, we thank you for the green and growing things that surround our church. May these flowering flowers and trees remind us that, in times of death and despair, you are always bringing forth new life and hope. Bless all who enjoy this space, all who come seeking spiritual nurture. Bless our community in their many ministries and all whom we seek to serve. May we bear much fruit for your Kingdom. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Procession continues to the dumpsters

Station at the Dumpsters

Jesus told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Let us pray: Holy God: Bless the workers who collect our garbage and recycling, and all whose labor supports the well-being of our community. Strengthen and encourage them in their service, and make us mindful of their contribution to the stewardship of the earth, that all may be ministers of your new creation; in the name of Jesus our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Procession concludes at the doors to the undercroft

Station on the Patio

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. (Mk.6)

Let us pray: Generous God, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every creature: We give you thanks for all who prepare and serve the food we eat. Bless them in their labor and bless all who benefit from their service; through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

Blessing

May God, who opens his hand and sustains the lives of all creatures, fill you with his grace and supply all your needs. **Amen.**

May God, whose mercy blesses the lands and multiplies the harvests of the world, give you your daily bread, and empower you to share your bread with the hungry. **Amen.**

May God, who breathes over the creation and renews the face of the earth, transform your hearts, and make you generous in every good deed. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

You are invited to gather for a time of fellowship in the undercroft

SERVING TODAY

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Nick Persson

Lay Reader: Ben Todoroff Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Persson

Choir: Beth Hixenbaugh, Alison Jandak, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

Usher: David Persson

